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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

GEORGE LARDNER COVERS VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S STATEMENT THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA LEFT NO STONES UNTURNED. THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THE SPY AGENCY HAD BROKEN THE LAW ON OCCASION, BUT NOT ON WHAT HE WOULD CONSIDER A MASSIVE SCALE. (A-1)

MURREY HARDER SAYS THAT THE FORD-SADAT MEETING ENDED WITH AGREEMENT ON THE URGENT NEED TO BREAK THE DIPLOMATIC STALEMATE IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, BUT WITH A QUESTION MARK HANGING OVER THE ROUTE TO BE TAKEN. (A-1)

RICHARD HUMAN WRITES THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE LIBYA WITH ITS FIRST NUCLEAR REACTOR. THE AGREEMENT IS ALMOST CERTAIN FURTHER TO DAMAGE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND EGYPT. (A-1)

YUVAL FLIZUR NOTES THAT THE ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD UNILATERALLY WITHDRAW HALF OF ITS TANKS AND FORCES AND ALL ARTILLERY AND MISSILES FROM THE AREA IT OCCUPIES CLOSE TO THE SUEZ CANAL WAS SEEN AS AN ISRAELI GESTURE TO ACCOMPANY THE REOPENING OF THE CANAL BY EGYPT ON THURSDAY. (A-1)

SPENCER RICH COMMENTS THAT FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENTS OVER POSSIBLE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE LAND WARS AROUND THE GLOBE AND OVER THE ADEQUACY OF THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT ERUPTED YESTER-

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DAY AS THE SENATE OPENED DEBATE ON THE \$25 BILLION WEAPONS PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR FISCAL 1976. YESTERDAY'S WIDE-RANGING DEBATE WAS ORGANIZED BY CRANSTON AND KENNEDY, WITH LATER AGREEMENT FROM GOLDWATER AND STENNIS, TO EXAMINE THE FOREIGN-POLICY ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING WEAPONS REQUESTS. SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID HE WOULD NOT OFFER HIS CUSTOMARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE 510,000 TROOPS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS "BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSING AND CHAOTIC SITUATION WHICH EXISTS IN THE WORLD TODAY, FOLLOWING THE INDOCHINA DEBACLE." (A-2)

THAILAND'S MILITARY COMMAND ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. WILL WITHDRAW THE LAST AMERICAN B-52 BOMBERS BASED THERE. THE THAI HEADQUARTERS SAID THE PLANES WILL LEAVE ON JUNE 6 AS PART OF THE OVERALL REDUCTION OF THE U.S. PRESENCE IN THAILAND. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO SAID THAT 31 F-111S WOULD BE WITHDRAWN ON JUNE 15, AND 7,500 U.S. SERVICEMEN WOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY BY THE END OF JUNE. (A-10)

INFORMED SOURCES SAID AMBASSADOR MARTIN TRIED ON THE DAY BEFORE HE LEFT SAIGON TO ARRANGE A SHIPMENT OF ANTIQUES OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR A VIETNAMESE FRIEND WHO LATER COMMITTED SUICIDE. THE SOURCES SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW IF THE DOZENS OF CRATES OF ANTIQUES MADE IT OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THEY BELONGED TO LT. GENERAL TRAN NGOC TAM, WHO MET MARTIN WHEN THEY WERE BOTH STATIONED IN BANGKOK. (A-10)

LEWIS SIMONS WRITES THAT PHILIP HABIB SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS "THE WHOLE QUESTION OF RELATIONS," INCLUDING THE OVERRIDING ISSUE OF CONTINUING U.S. AID, IN MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA, FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, AND ECONOMICS MINISTER SOTH PETRASY. (A-11)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS THAT PRESIDENT FORD APPEARS TO HAVE PASSED SMARTLY WHAT WAS BILLED AS HIS FIRST MAJOR TEST AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN. MR. FORD, WHO IS TO RECEIVE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, IS PUSHING AHEAD ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS COULD HAVE RESULTS MORE IMPORTANT FOR ALLIANCE AS WELL AS STRICTLY AMERICAN INTERESTS THAN ANYTHING DONE AT THE NATO SUMMIT. (A-18)

JOSEPH KRAFT CONTENDS THAT THE GREAT DEFENSE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE SENATE IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES. IT INDICATES THAT EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE ISSUES NOW HAVE TO COME UP FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY. IT FURTHER SHOWS THAT BECAUSE OF WEAKNESS IN THE CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE, APPROPRIATE FORUMS FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DEvised. IN THE WAKE OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, A GENERAL DEBATE ON NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY WAS INEVITABLE. THE RIGHT FORUM WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SFRC BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE THE BREADTH

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OF INTERESTS OR IMAGINATION REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THE KIND OF GENERAL ARGUMENT THAT FULBRIGHT WOULD SURELY HAVE ORGANIZED. (A-19)

TOM BRADEN COMMENTS THAT NEVER IN OUR HISTORY HAS A U.S. NEGOTIATOR BEEN HANDED SUCH PEREMPTORY ORDERS AS 76 SENATORS HAVE HANDED TO YOU. THE ISRAELI LOBBY WAS NOT EVEN WILLING TO LEAVE YOU A LITTLE DIGNITY. THE SENATORIAL LETTER MAKES YOU NOTHING MORE THAN AN ERRAND BOY AND ASSURES THE ARAB STATES THAT YOU ARE POWERLESS TO ARRANGE A DEAL. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT ISRAEL'S LEADERS HAVE DETERMINED FURTHER CONCESSIONS AND REGARDED THE SENATE LETTER ONLY AS A MEANS TO LET YOU KNOW WHO IS BOSS. IN THAT EVENT, THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH MAY YET YIELD RESULTS. BUT UNLESS THIS IS SO, THE GAME IS OVER. YOU MIGHT AS WELL STAY HOME. UNDER THE TERMS THE SENATE HAS LAID DOWN, IT COULD SEND ONE OF ITS OWN PAGES TO HANDLE NEGOTIATIONS. (A-19)

JACK ANDERSON, IN A COLLECTION OF TID BITS, WRITES THAT YOU HAVE ALLUDED TO "ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES" IF LAJES CANNOT BE USED TO RESUPPLY ISRAEL. THE AIR FORCE HAS SPENT THE LAST SIX MONTHS TRAINING CREWS TO REFUEL GIANT C-5 CARGO PLANES IN FLIGHT. THE CREWS NOW ARE READY. IN CASE ISRAEL SHOULD NEED EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, THE C-5S WOULD BE SENT RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS. AMBASSADOR MARTIN HAS QUIETLY DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT. HE NEVER MADE IT BACK TO THE U.S. BUT STOPPED IN ROME. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM, OUR SOURCES SAY, BECAUSE "THERE IS NO SUBJECT ANYBODY WANTS TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT." (B-15)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAVID BINDER NOTES THAT BELGIUM WILL JOIN THREE OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN PURCHASING AMERICAN F-16 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WORTH MORE THAN \$2 BILLION, PAVING THE WAY FOR ONE OF THE GREATEST ARMS SALES OF THE CENTURY. A FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE NEXT WEEK AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE BRUSSELS COALITION GOVERNMENT AND A LAST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE -- NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS, AND DENMARK. (1)

ALVIN SHUSTER SAYS THAT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BEFORE THE BRITISH VOTE ON WHETHER TO REMAIN IN THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET, PRIME MINISTER WILSON HAS STEPPED UP HIS FIGHT NOT ONLY FOR A "YES" VOTE BUT ALSO FOR HIS POLITICAL SURVIVAL. THE CHANCES ARE THAT A LARGE MAJORITY WILL BE SAYING "YES" TO CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADVISORY REFERENDUM. THE OPINION POLLS FORECAST AN EASY 2-TO-1 MARGIN OF VICTORY FOR MR. WILSON AND THOSE BACKING THE MARKET. (3)

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A SPECIAL TO THE TIMES REPORTS THAT NGUYEN VAN THIEU HAS MOVED INTO A RENTED HOUSE IN A TAIPEI SUBURB AND IS REPORTEDLY PREPARING TO WRITE HIS MEMOIRS. (7)

KATHLEEN TELTSCH WRITES THAT FRANCE PROPOSED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY THAT A "CONTACT GROUP" BE SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA TO WORK OUT WITH THE GOVERNMENT THERE PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH-WEST AFRICA WOULD DECIDE THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE. THE PROCEDURE WOULD INCLUDE FREE ELECTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION TO BE HELD WITHIN A YEAR. FRENCH SOURCES SAID THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO DRAW UP A CONSTITUTION. (9)

HENRY GINIGER REPORTS THAT PORTUGAL'S NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ITS MODERATE MAJORITY SERVED NOTICE THAT IT WOULD SEEK TO USE THE ASSEMBLY AS A VEHICLE FOR MAKING ITS VOICE HEARD IN A COUNTRY CONTROLLED ESSENTIALLY BY THE ARMED FORCES. (11)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL CONTENDS THAT AS HE RETURNS FROM HIS EUROPEAN TRIP AND CONGRESS RESUMES WORK AFTER THE MEMORIAL DAY RECESS, MR. FORD CAN TAKE SATISFACTION FROM THE FACT THAT AS A CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, HE HAS A BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH A PREDOMINANTLY LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CONGRESS THAN DID HIS TWO RECENT PREDECESSORS, PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND NIXON, IN COMPARABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, THE DANGER IS THAT BOTH MAY MAINTAIN THEIR TOLERABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LARGER PUBLIC INTEREST EACH IS EXPECTED TO SERVE. THE ABSENCE OF ANGRY CONFRONTATION IS WELCOME, BUT THE PRICE NEED NOT BE STALEMATE AND MEDIOCRE ACCOMPLISHMENT. (32)

AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL STATES THAT SPAIN IS LURCHING INTO THE POST-FRANCO ERA IN A HIGHLY FLUID SITUATION, HOWEVER REPRESSIVE THE REGIME CONTINUES TO BE. SPANISH DEMOCRATS BELIEVE FRANCO'S DEPARTURE WILL OPEN UP A CHANCE TO LEAD THE COUNTRY TOWARD FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY DESIRE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., THESE DEMOCRATS DEPLORE WASHINGTON'S POLICY OF FAWNING ON FRANCO -- A POLICY THEY BELIEVE MORTGAGES THE FUTURE AND PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF EXTREMISTS OF BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT. THE PRESIDENT GOT NOWHERE IN HIS EFFORTS AT THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT TO PROMOTE THE IDEA OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO. FOR THOSE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS THAT FEEL NATO SHOULD HAVE NO TRUCK WITH FRANCO, THE PHOTO FROM MADRID (FORD AND FRANCO SIDE-BY-SIDE) WILL TARNISH THE OTHERWISE PRODUCTIVE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT MEETING. THIS TRIP WAS EMPHATICALLY UNNECESSARY. (32)

JAMES P. BROWN SAYS THAT AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF PERSISTING

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IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION AND DOGGED NATIONALISM, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE EIGHT-WEEK GENEVA MEETING WHICH RECENTLY ADJOURNED DID NOT PRODUCE THE HOPED-FOR TEXT OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEW LAW OF THE SEA TREATY. WHAT IS REMARKABLE IS THAT SOME SEASONED PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS EMERGED FROM THE OFTEN-FRUSTRATING GENEVA EXPERIENCE WITH UNWAVERING CONVICTION THAT AN ACCEPTABLE -- IF IMPERFECT -- ACCOMMODATION CAN BE REACHED WHEN THE CONFERENCE RECONVENES NEXT SPRING IN NEW YORK. (33)

THE BALTIMORE SUN  
HENRY TREWHITT WRITES\*THAT AMERICAN AND EGYPTIAN LEADERS WELCOMED ISRAEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF PARTIAL MILITARY WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI PENINSULA YESTERDAY AS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND ENCOURAGING GESTURE TOWARD A MIDEAST SETTLEMENT. YOU LINKED THE ISRAELI ACTION TO THE STRATEGIC CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND TO THE FORD-SADAT MEETINGS. OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS SAID THE DISCUSSIONS IN SALZBURG HAD PRODUCED MATERIAL FOR MR. FORD TO USE WHEN HE RECEIVES PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN WASHINGTON JUNE 11 AND 12. (A-1)

FRENCHWOMEN ARE HOPEFUL THAT BRITISH WOMEN WILL VOTE "YES" THURSDAY TO BRITAIN'S REMAINING IN THE COMMON MARKET AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO A UNITING OF FEMALE STRENGTH IN THE EUROPEAN MARKET. (A-2)

ANTHONY MURRAY WRITES THAT THE PRESENT PATTERN OF DEPLOYMENT OF ALLIED FORCES IN WEST GERMANY HAS "CONSIDERABLE DEFICIENCIES," ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY A FORMER TOP-RANKING BONN MILITARY LEADER. BUT GENERAL ULRICH DE MAIZIERE, A RETIRED INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE BUNDESWEHR, BELIEVES THAT THE WEAKNESSES ARE PARTLY OFFSET BY THE ASSETS AND THAT A MAJOR RELOCATION OF FORCES WOULD NOT JUSTIFY ITS FINANCIAL COST AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. (A-2)

ACCORDING TO CHARLES CORDRY, THE LAST UNITED STATES B-52 BOMBERS WILL START PULLING OUT OF THAILAND FRIDAY, ALMOST TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR FINAL BOMBING MISSIONS OF THE INDOCHINA WAR. THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED USE OF B-52S IN THE RECENT MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. YOU FAVORED SUCH USE? SCHLESINGER AND MILITARY LEADERS OPPOSED IT. (A-4)

AN EDITORIAL STATES THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S ALPINE INTERLUDE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT RESTORED THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER A THREE-MONTH HIATUS. THIS WAS NOT SO MUCH A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR MR. FORD, AS A PERFORMANCE BY HIM TO ALLOW THE EGYPTIANS IN THEIR OWN EYES TO FOLLOW THE COURSE THEY THINK BEST. AFTER YOUR MEDIATION FAILED TO PRODUCE RESULTS IN MARCH, IT WAS THE KREMLIN'S TURN. INTENSE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN MOSCOW

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AND THE ARAB CAPITALS CLEARLY FAILED TO ACHIEVE EITHER A UNITED ARAB-SOVIET POSITION OR A GENEVA CONFERENCE OF ALL THE DISPUTANTS THAT WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SUCCEED. YOUR LAST EFFORT BROKE DOWN BECAUSE EGYPT COULD OFFER ISRAEL NO SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT TO VACATE THE STRATEGIC PASSES AND OIL FIELD OF SINAI, AND BECAUSE ISRAEL REQUIRED EGYPT TO DROP ITS "BELLIGERENCY" FOR MUCH LESS THAN THE SETTLEMENT OF ITS GRIEVANCES. SOMEWHERE BETWEEN NOTHING AND EVERYTHING, THE QUID PRO QUO FOR THE PASSES AND OIL FIELD MUST BE FOUND. AND THAT IS WHAT STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY MUST BE ABOUT. (A-18)

CHARLES YOST WRITES THAT INVOLVEMENT IN LAOS REMAINS REGRETABLE. TRAGICALLY, A PACIFIC BUDDHIST POPULATION, LIVING IN WHAT HAD BEEN A SHANGRI-LA OF SORTS, HAVING NO SERIOUS QUARRELS AMONG THEMSELVES, WERE INVOLVED BY OUTSIDERS, VIETNAMESE AND AMERICANS, IN A 15-YEAR WAR THAT WAS NOT THEIR OWN. WERE DEVASTED, DISPLACED, AND UNNATURALLY DIVIDED INTO WARRING FACTIONS; AND FINALLY, IT WOULD APPEAR, HAVE BEEN DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF THE MOST POLITICALLY EXTREME AND LEAST CHARACTERISTICALLY LAOTIAN AMONG THEM. THERE ARE MANY LESSONS FOR ALL OF US IN THIS FRAGMENT OF HISTORY, BUT IS THE LAOTIANS WHO WILL HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE. LET US HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY THEIR NATURAL GENTLENESS AND TOLERANCE WILL MELLOW THE PASSIONS WHICH OUTSIDERS HAVE KINDLED. (A-19)

THE WASHINGTON POST (CONTINUED)  
SENATOR MUSKIE YESTERDAY CHARGED THAT YOUR STYLE OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY HAS DONE MORE TO WEAKEN THE U.S. IN WORLD OPINION THAN ANY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. HE SAID IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT "SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS PREFERRED A PERSONAL DIPLOMATIC STYLE INVOLVING SECRECY, SURPRISE AND UNPREDICTABILITY AS A MEANS OF KEEPING OUR ADVERSARIES OFF GUARD. TO PURSUE SUCH A POLICY, HE HAS SOUGHT MAXIMUM INDEPENDENCE FROM THE CONGRESS AND MAXIMUM FREEDOM FROM LEGISLATIVE RESTRAINTS." (A-8)

EGYPT HAS DECIDED AGAINST ACCEPTING A PROPERTY ON THE NILE WORTH ABOUT \$1 MILLION THAT HAD BEEN OFFERED BY THE U.S. AS THE SITE FOR A NEW MANSION FOR PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT. AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID EGYPT HAD CHANGED ITS MIND ABOUT THE LAND, LOCATED IN THE FASHIONABLE GIZA DISTRICT, BUT GAVE NO REASON. (A-13)

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